William Lyman Phillips photograph collection, circa 1920s-1940s

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives of American Gardens
Title: William Lyman Phillips photograph collection
Identifier: AAG.WLP
Date: circa 1920s-1940s
Extent: 0.1 Cubic feet (1 box.; 30 glass negatives and 2 glass autochromes.; 3 x 4 inches.)
Creator: Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966
Language: English
Summary: The William Lyman Phillips Collection includes thirty glass negatives and two glass autochromes showing a sampling of gardens presumably designed by landscape architect William Lyman Phillips. The gardens are located in Massachusetts, Florida and unidentified locations.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Related Archival Materials
Materials relating to Olmsted Brothers’ projects that Phillips worked on are at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site in Brookline, Massachusetts.

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Biographical Note

William Lyman Phillips (d. 1966) was a landscape architect credited with popularizing the use of tropical and subtropical plants in landscape design. His most famous project was the design of the Fairchild Tropical Garden in Coral Gables, Florida. Phillips studied at Harvard, graduating cum laude in 1910, and the next year joined the Olmsted Brothers firm. He worked in Canada and New York, and laid out the townships of Balboa and San Miguel Ellinde in the Panama Canal Zone. He designed many estates and parks for the Olmsted firm and traveled to Europe to study villas and gardens. During World War I, Phillips built cantonments in the United States for the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps. He was later in charge of landscaping American military cemeteries in France, after which he returned to the United States to work once again with the Olmsted firm.

In 1923 Phillips took charge of the Olmsted Brothers' projects of Bok Tower Gardens and the adjacent Mountain Lake Colony in Lake Wales, Florida. In 1929 he was hired to site the house and gardens for Charles Austin Buck, the president of Bethlehem Steel. The estate, "El Retiro," now called Pinewood, was in the Mountain Lake Colony. Phillips collaborated with the architect, Charles Wait, on the Buck estate until 1932. Phillips worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in Dade County, Florida, supervising the construction of several state parks, and he designed the Dade County parks. In 1936, while Phillips was working with the Civilian Conservation Corps, he was hired by Robert H. Montgomery to design the Fairchild Tropical Garden.

Arrangement

Images believed to be from Massachusetts are indicated in their catalog records as being from Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1, in order to differentiate them from other unidentified Massachusetts images in the AAG collections. The unidentified Massachusetts slides in this series are likely from multiple sites.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
- Flowers
- Gardens -- Florida
- Gardens -- Massachusetts
- Landscape architecture
- Plants
- Tropical plants

Types of Materials:
- Negatives
- Positives (photographs)
Container Listing

Series 1: Garden Images

Florida

FL089: Unidentified -- Untitled Garden in Florida

FL089001: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: pavilions and fountains., 1930
1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Untitled Garden in Florida]: pavilions and fountains.: 1930.
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic:
- Fountains
- Gardens -- Florida
- Palms
- Patios
- Pavements
- Pavilions
- Plants, Potted
- Spring
- Walls
- Water stairs

Place: United States of America--Florida

FL089002: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: urban plaza, monuments and automobiles., [192?-193?]
1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Untitled Garden in Florida]: urban plaza, monuments and automobiles.: [192?-193?]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic:
- Automobiles
- Buildings
- Gardens -- Florida
- Monuments
- Plazas
- Spring
- Trees

Place: United States of America--Florida

FL089003: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: driveway entrance in spring., [192?-193?]
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1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)

**Image(s):** [Untitled Garden in Florida]: driveway entrance in spring.: [192?-193?]

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

**Topic:**
- Arches
- Driveways
- Entrances
- Gardens -- Florida
- Houses
- Roofs
- Spring
- Tiles
- Utility poles

**Place:** United States of America--Florida

FL089004: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: palms and ocean in the spring., [192?-193?]

1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)

**Image(s):** [Untitled Garden in Florida]: palms and ocean in the spring.: [192?-193?]

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

**Topic:**
- Driveways
- Gardens -- Florida
- Ocean
- Palms
- Pine
- Roads
- Spring

**Place:** United States of America--Florida

FL089005: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: palms at entrance., [192?-193?]

1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)

**Image(s):** [Untitled Garden in Florida]: palms at entrance.: [192?-193?]

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

**Topic:**
- Agaves
- Entrances
- Gardens -- Florida
- Gates
- Palms
- Spring
- Streets
- Utility poles

**Place:** United States of America--Florida
FL089006: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: house with balustrade., [192?-193?]
1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Untitled Garden in Florida]: house with balustrade.: [192?-193?]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance
Double exposure.

Topic: Arches
Balustrades
Container plants
Gardens -- Florida
Houses
Palms
Spring
Stairs
Towers
Walkways

Place: United States of America--Florida

FL089007: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: marshes, palms and pines., [192?-193?]
1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Untitled Garden in Florida]: marshes, palms and pines.: [192?-193?]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Gardens -- Florida
Marshes
Palms
Pine
Spring

Place: United States of America--Florida

Massachusetts

MA141: Unidentified -- Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1

MA141001: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: springhouses., [between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: springhouses.: [between 1920 and 1939]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Drains
Gardens -- Massachusetts
Meadows
Spring
Springhouses
Trees
Walls, stone
Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141002: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: view of meadow and trees., [between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: view of meadow and trees.: [between 1920 and 1939]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance
Topic: Gardens -- Massachusetts
Meadows
Spring
Trees
Walls, stone
Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141003: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: terraces and arbor., [between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: terraces and arbor.: [between 1920 and 1939]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance
Topic: Arbors
Columns
Container gardening
Evergreens
Gardens -- Massachusetts
Hydrangeas
Patios
Pavements
Pine
Sculpture
Standard
Terraces
Vines
Wisteria
Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts
MA141004: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: stone lantern., [between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: stone lantern.: [between 1920 and 1939]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance
Topic: Containers
Gardens -- Massachusetts
Retaining walls
Sculpture
Spring
Stairs
Stone lanterns
Terraces
Walls, stone
Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141005: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: Colonial Revival house., [between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: Colonial Revival house.: [between 1920 and 1939]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance
Topic: Colonial Revival
Fences -- wooden
Gardens -- Massachusetts
Houses
Meadows
Spring
Trees
Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141006: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: stone walls., [between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: stone walls.: [between 1920 and 1939]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance
Topic: Gardens -- Massachusetts
Retaining walls
Spring
Trees
Walls, stone
Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141007: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: wrought iron fences., [between 1920 and 1939]  
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)  
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: wrought iron fences.: [between 1920 and 1939]  
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect  
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance  
Topic: Automobiles  
Buildings  
Fences -- wrought iron  
Flagpoles  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Spring  
Streets  
Utility poles

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141008: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: bridge., [between 1920 and 1939]  
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)  
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: bridge.: [between 1920 and 1939]  
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect  
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance  
Topic: Arches  
Bridges -- stone  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Meadows  
Ponds  
Spring  
Trees

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141009: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: retaining walls and terrace., [between 1920 and 1939]  
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)  
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: retaining walls and terrace.: [between 1920 and 1939]  
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect  
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance  
Topic: Containers  
Garden borders  
Gardens -- Massachusetts
Lawns
Perennials
Retaining walls
Spring
Terraces
Trees
Walls, stone

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141010: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: Colonial Revival houses., [between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)

Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: Colonial Revival houses.: [between 1920 and 1939]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Colonial Revival
Gardens -- Massachusetts
Houses
Meadows
Spring
Trees

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141011: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: Colonial Revival houses., [between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)

Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: Colonial Revival houses.: [between 1920 and 1939]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Colonial Revival
Elm
Fences
Gardens -- Massachusetts
Houses
Sidewalks
Streets
Trees in cities

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141013: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: cottages., [between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)

Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: cottages.:
[between 1920 and 1939]

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic:  Cottages
       Gardens -- Massachusetts
       Houses
       Picket fences
       Spring
       Trees
       Walls, stone

Place:  Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
       United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141014: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: front of colonial-style house.:
[between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)

Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: front of colonial-style house.:
[between 1920 and 1939]

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic:  Colonial Revival
       Entrances
       Gardens -- Massachusetts
       Houses
       Spring
       Trees
       Walkways

Place:  Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
       United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141015: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: portico and driveway.:
[between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)

Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: portico and driveway.:
[between 1920 and 1939]

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic:  Columns
       Driveways
       Edging
       Gardens -- Massachusetts
       Houses
       Porches
       Porticoes
       Rocking chairs
       Spring
Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141016: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: woodlands., [between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: woodlands.: [between 1920 and 1939]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance
Topic: Gardens -- Massachusetts
       Spring
       Trees
       Woodlands

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141017: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: building and surrounding grounds., [between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: building and surrounding grounds.: [between 1920 and 1939]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance
Topic: Buildings
       Gardens -- Massachusetts
       Houses
       Lawns
       Spring
       Trees

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141018: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: streets and outbuildings., [between 1920 and 1939]
1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: streets and outbuildings.: [between 1920 and 1939]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance
Topic: Colonial Revival
       Fences -- wooden
       Gardens -- Massachusetts
       Houses
       Outbuildings
       Spring
       Streets
Utility poles

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)
United States of America -- Massachusetts

WLP001: Unidentified

WLP001002: [Unidentified Garden]: meadows, street trees and house., [1920?]
1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden]: meadows, street trees and house.: [1920?]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Topic: Houses
      Meadows
      Streets
      Trees in cities

WLP001003: [Unidentified Garden]: house and garage., [1920?]
1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden]: house and garage.: [1920?]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Topic: Arbors
      Awnings
      Balconies
      Balustrades
      Foundation planting
      Garages
      Houses
      Window boxes

WLP001004: [Unidentified Seascape]: ocean, lighthouses and house., [1920?]
1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)
Image(s): [Unidentified Seascape]: ocean, lighthouses and house.: [1920?]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Topic: Buildings
      Coastlines
      Flagpoles
      Houses
      Lighthouses
      Ocean

WLP001005: [Unidentified Garden]: house., [1920?]
glass lantern slide
3 x 4 in.
Image(s): [Unidentified Garden]: house.: [1920?]
Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect
Topic: Houses